

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1- 2 (canceled)

1 **Claim 3 (currently amended):** An electronic part
2 supplying tape, used in a tape feeder arranged in a part
3 supplying portion of an electronic part mounting apparatus,
4 for holding electronic parts on a tape member at a constant
5 pitch and for supplying the electronic parts, comprising:
6 a first tape member with a first end portion and a
7 second end portion, and a second tape member with a first
8 end portion and a second end portion;
9 a first connecting portion formed on ~~a~~ the second end
10 portion of ~~a first~~ the first tape member;
11 a second connecting portion formed on ~~a second~~ the
12 first end portion of the ~~first~~ second tape member, to be
13 connected to ~~a~~ the first connecting portion formed on ~~a~~
14 ~~first end of a second~~ the first tape member;
15 an alignment means for positioning the first
16 connecting portion ~~of the second tape member~~ and the second
17 connecting portion ~~of the first tape member~~ in a
18 longitudinal direction, a width direction and a thickness
19 direction of the tape members, and

20 a holding means for holding the first connecting
21 ~~portion of the second tape member~~ and the second connecting
22 ~~portion of the first tape member~~ to each other,

23 wherein the first tape member and the second tape
24 member are connectable by connecting the first connecting
25 portion of ~~second~~ first tape member and second connecting
26 portion of the ~~first~~ second tape member,

27 wherein the first connecting portion of the ~~second~~
28 first tape member comprises a locking member attachment
29 coupled to the second end portion of the first tape member,
30 and the second connecting portion of the ~~first~~ second tape
31 member comprises a locked member attachment coupled to the
32 first end portion of the second tape member, and

33 ~~wherein are formed by coupling a locking member~~
34 ~~attachment and a locked member attachment respectively at~~
35 ~~the end portions of the tape members, and the locking~~
36 member attachment and the locked member attachment
37 constitute the alignment means.

Claims 4-6 (canceled)

1 **Claim 7 (currently amended):** An electronic part
2 supplying tape according to Claim 3, further comprising:
3 a recessed portion for containing an electronic part
4 therein, formed at a constant pitch on the tape member,

5 wherein the electronic part supplying tape is supplied
6 by being wound around a supply reel in a state of
7 containing the electronic part in the recessed portion.

Claims 8-9 (canceled)

1 **Claim 10 (new):** An electronic part supplying tape
2 according to Claim 3, wherein said locking member
3 attachment comprises:

4 a flat plate portion with coupling means for
5 coupling the locking member attachment to first tape
6 member, and

7 at least one engaging member extending from said
8 flat plate portion for attaching the locking member
9 attachment to the locked member attachment;

10 wherein said locked member attachment comprises:

11 a stepped plate portion with coupling means for
12 coupling the locked member attachment to the second tape
13 member, and

14 at least one engaging hole in said stepped plate
15 portion for engaging with the engaging member of the
16 locking member attachment.

1 **Claim 11 (new):** An electronic part supplying tape
2 according to Claim 3, wherein said locking member

3 attachment comprises a flat plate portion with an engaging
4 member, and

5 said locked member comprises a stepped plate portion
6 with an engaging hole,

7 wherein said step plate portion comprises a stepped
8 shape such that a stepped difference between the locking
9 member attachment plate portion and the locked member plate
10 portion in an up and down direction is not produced when
11 the engaging fixture engages the engaging hole.